

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Forest Department - Allegation of Corruption against Sri Prem Singh, Forest Beat Officer, Patancheru of Medak District- Sanction of Prosecution Orders- Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 153

Dated: 23-09-2017

ORDER:-

Whereas, Sri Prem Singh, worked as Forest Beat Officer, Patancheru of Medak District from 18.08.2012 to 13.08.2015 (i.e. the date of his suspension) and by virtue of the post held by him he falls under the category of Public Servant as defined under section 2 (c) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988).

2. And Whereas, it is alleged that, on 12.08.2015 at 15.00 hrs, Sri C. Pratap Reddy, Retired Teacher, came to the office of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Sangareddy and lodged Telugu written complaint stating that, he has Ac-4-18 Gts of land in Sy No.379/A situated at Tellapur village, Ramchandrapuram Mandal, Medak District. He planted 500 teak Wood plants in the said land about 20 years back. On 11.04.2011 he got permission from Divisional Forest Officer, Medak for cutting of 100 teak wood trees within 30 days from the date of permission. After cutting down the plants he met the Forest Officers several times at Gummadidalla, Narsapur and Medak for getting transport permit to transport the teak wood logs. On 10.06.2015 he filed a petition before the Forest Range Officer, Narsapur for permission to transport the teak wood logs. At last he met Sri Patlolla Veeresham, Deputy Forest Range Officer on 05.07.2015 and requested for permit him to transport the teak wood logs to Patancheru town. On that Sri Patlolla Veeresham, Deputy Forest Range Officer demanded Rs.15,000/- in the form of bribe to issue permit to transport the teak wood logs to Patancheru town and threatened the complainant that, if he failed to fulfill his demand, he would see that no permit is granted by the Range Office, Narsapur or Divisional Forest Officer, office Medak. At that time Sri Prem Singh, Forest Beat Officer, Patancheru was also present there and he also threatened the complainant in similar manner to pay the demanded bribe amount. As the complainant was not willing to give the demanded bribe amount to get permit to transport his teak wood logs, he preferred to file complaint to the Anti Corruption Bureau requesting to take legal action against the above officers.

3. And Whereas, Sri C. Pratap Reddy, Retired Teacher attended the office of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau Medak District at Sangareddy on 12.08.2015 at 15.00 hrs and met the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti- Corruption Bureau and lodged complaint against Sri Patlolla Veeresham, Deputy Forest Range Officer, Sangareddy in Charge of Gummadidhala Section, Medak District and Sri Prem Singh, Forest Beat Officer, Patancheru Section, Medak District requesting to take necessary action. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, after verifying the genuineness of the complaint registered the complaint as a case in Cr. No. 11/ RCT -MDK/ 2015, Under Section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 on 13.08.2015 at 11.15 hours and investigated into the allegations made by the complainant.

4. And Whereas, on 13.08.2015 at 21.00 hours, Sri Patlolla Veeresham, Deputy Forest Range Officer, Sangareddy in charge of Gummadidhala Section, was trapped by the Anti Corruption Bureau officials at Forest Range

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Office, Narsapur of Medak District in the presence of above mediators after Sri Patlolla Veeresham, Deputy Forest Range Officer demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.15,000/- from Sri C. Prathap Reddy for doing official favour to enumerate teak wood logs laying at the field of the complainant and to submit detailed report to the Forest Range Office, Narsapur and also ensured to distribute the share of bribe amount to Sri Prem Singh, Forest Beat Officer, Patancheru. The phenolphthalein test conducted on the both hand fingers of Sri Patlolla veeresham, Deputy Forest Range Officer, yielded positive results. The bribe amount of Rs.15,000/- was recovered from Sri Patlolla Veeresham, Deputy Forest Range Officer, Narsapur, which he took out from his wearing khakhi uniform front right side pant pocket and produced before the mediators. Chemical test was also conducted on the inner liner of the right side pant pocket of Sri Patlolla Veeresham, Deputy Forest Range Officer which came into contract with the tainted bribe amount and the test also yielded positive result.

5. And Whereas, the above said acts of Sri Prem Singh, Forest Beat Officer, Patancheru of Medak District during the relevant period i.e from 18.08.2012 to 13.08.2015 (i.e. the date of his suspension) constitute the offences punishable Under Section 7 and Clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 13 read with sub-section (2) of Section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act,1988 and read with Section 34 of IPC.

6. And Whereas, the Government of Telangana, being the competent Authority to remove Sri Prem Singh, Forest Beat Officer, Patancheru of Medak District from service, after fully and carefully examining the material i.e copies of FIR, Mediators' Reports I & II and detailed investigation report placed before me and having regard to the facts and circumstance of the case considered that, Sri Prem Singh, Forest Beat Officer, Patancheru of Medak District should be prosecuted in a Court of Law for the aforesaid offences.

7. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Clause (c) of sub- section(1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988), hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of the said Sri Prem Singh, Forest Beat Officer, Patancheru of Medak District for the above said offences punishable under section 7 and Clause (d) of sub-section (1) of Section 13 read with subsection (2) of Section 13 of the prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and read with Section 34 of IPC and for any other cognate offences punishable under any provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the above said acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

(DR. RAJAT KUMAR)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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